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FROM RCO FOR A/OC

THIS IS A R E P E A T TELEGRAM FOR YOUR ACTION

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(C) LENINGRAD 1759

SUMMARY: P&C IN CONSULTATION WITH EMBASSY ADMIN AND EMBASSY
BONN HAS EXPLORED OPTIONS PARTLY OUTLINED IN REF A FOR UP-
GRADING RECEPTION OF WIRELESS FILE IN LENINGRAD AND MOSCOW.
ACCURACY AND UTILITY OF FILE RECEIVED VIA LAND LINE NETWORK
MAKES THIS FORM OF TRANSMISSION PREFERABLE TO AIR RECEPTION.
P&C BELIEVES THAT A USIA SEPARATELY LEASED LAND LINE FROM
BONN TO MOSCOW WITH ADDITIONAL LEASED LINES TO LENINGRAD
AND KIEV (PARA 2, BELOW), ALTHOUGH EXPENSIVE, WOULD PROVE
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TECHNICALLY AND OPERATIONALLY MORE FLEXIBLE THAN OTHER

OPTIONS. MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS, ETC., FOR RECEIVING AND TRANSMITTING EQUIPMENT, WHETHER HANDLED BY SOVIETS OR AMERICANS, EASIER TO ACCOMPLISH IN MOSCOW THAN IN LENINGRAD. THIS AND OTHER ALTERNATIVES LISTED BELOW.
END SUMMARY.

1. ARRANGEMENT, WHICH MUST HAVE PRIOR APPROVAL BY OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS IN DEPT., ALLOWING P&C LENINGRAD TO SHARE BONN/LENINGRAD RECORD CIRCUIT. LEASE REQUEST FOR THIS CIRCUIT RECENTLY SUBMITTED BY BONN AT ANNUAL COST OF \$30,000. P&C SHARE OF THIS COST WOULD HAVE TO BE DETERMINED IN CONSULTATION WITH DEPT. ADDITIONAL LINE FROM LENINGRAD TO MOSCOW AT \$7500 PER YEAR WOULD BE REQUIRED TO INCLUDE MOSCOW IN NETWORK. THIS CONFIGURATION ACCEPTABLE ONLY IF BONN SIGNAL CAN BE RECEIVED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD. LATER TRANSMISSION TO MOSCOW FROM LENINGRAD NOT ACCEPTABLE.

2. A USIA LEASED LINE FROM BONN TO MOSCOW AT APPROXIMATE YEARLY COST OF \$40,000 AND ADDITIONAL MOSCOW-LENINGRAD LINE AT \$7500 PER YEAR. IF SIMULTANEOUS SIGNAL NOT POSSIBLE, MOSCOW COULD TRANSMIT FILE TO LENINGRAD AND IN FUTURE TO KIEV. COST OF KIEV LINE APPROXIMATELY SAME AS MOSCOW-LENINGRAD LINE. WE URGE AGENCY TO INCLUDE KIEV IN ITS EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES FOR COUNTRY LAND LINE NETWORK.

3. SEPARATE USIA CIRCUIT FROM BONN TO LENINGRAD AT \$30,000 PER YEAR AND TIE-LINE TO MOSCOW AT \$7500. AGAIN, LENINGRAD-MOSCOW CIRCUIT ACCEPTABLE ONLY IF TRANSMISSION RECEIVED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN MOSCOW.

4. LAND LINE RECEPTION SHOULD ALLOW US TO REDUCE LOCAL OPERATOR COSTS BY ONE-HALF AS LITTLE SUPERVISION OF EQUIPMENT REQUIRED DURING TRANSMISSION. PART-TIME LOCAL WOULD BE REQUIRED TO COLATE AND DUPLICATE FILE. IF UNCLEAR IN THIS CASE IF SOVIET REGULATIONS ALLOW REDUCTION IN SALARY FOR LOCALS EVEN THOUGH HOURS REDUCED. EMBASSY HAS DIRECTED QUESTION OF OPERATOR HOURS AND SALARIES TO UPDK. MAXIMUM SAVINGS ANTICIPATED IF LOCALS ALLOWED TO WORK PART-TIME IS \$3000 PER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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YEAR. EQUAL SAVINGS WOULD BE REALIZED IN LENINGRAD ASSUMING TRADITIONAL WIRELESS FILE OPERATION REQUIRING TWO FULL-TIME OPERATORS ONLY ALTERNATIVE TO LAND LINE RECEPTION.

5. EMBASSY C&R ATTEMPTING TO MAKE APPOINTMENT WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS QUESTION OF EQUIPMENT RENTAL AND MAINTENANCE. RELIABILITY OF SUCH EQUIPMENT NOT

KNOWN. WILL ADVISE. MATLOCK
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